



GOVERNMENT

Comparative/International Relations

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Program Overview

The mission of the Department of Government and International Affairs is to provide majors with a strong foundation to expand awareness and understanding of political life; to stimulate scholarship and continuing interest in government, government service, and international affairs; and to provide a framework for enriching the exposure of majors and the wider university community to the study of government, politics, and issues of public concern. Students also may explore themes of war and peace and the effects of globalization, the role of international law and organizations, and America's leadership in the world.

Additionally, students have numerous opportunities to participate in organizations related to Government and International Affairs. In addition to Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society, there is the Moot Court team, the Model OAS, Amnesty International, and Phi Alpha Delta, the Pre-Law Society.

The Department offers two majors: a Bachelor of Arts in Government and a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs. The Department also offers a Minor in Government and hosts several Interdisciplinary Concentrations that can substitute for a Minor, including Concentrations in International Affairs, Political Economy, and Pre-Law.

Career Opportunities

The Department's programs are especially designed to develop analytical skills, combining organized knowledge with practical experience that introduces and prepares students for career opportunities in the public as well as non-governmental sectors. Internships are a vital part of the programs. Many occupations today require a college educated individual who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with others on a team. Government students prepare for professional training in public policy, public administration, law, graduate education in the policy sciences, as well as employment in government and non-government public sector organizations, including non-profit organizations or businesses relating to international affairs.

Faculty

Dr. Lydia Andrade, Professor B.A., Southwestern University; M.A. and Ph.D., Texas A&M University
Dr. Scott Dittloff, Professor B.A., the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; M.A., Iowa State University; Ph.D., Texas A&M University
Dr. Gary Keith, Associate Professor B.A., Baylor University; M.A. and Ph.D., Brandeis University

Minor in Government

12 hours from the following courses: GOVT 1315, 1316, 2305, and **either** 2310 **or** 2320; nine additional semester hours in other GOVT courses, 6 of which must be upper-division

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**Bachelor of Arts in Government with a
Concentration in Comparative/International Relations
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
2015-2017**

Freshman Year: Fall		Hrs.
GOVT 1315 American Politics	3	
ENGL 1311 or 1311L Composition I	3	
Fine Arts Core	3	
HIST Core	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	

Sophomore Year: Fall		Hrs.
GOVT 2305 Introduction to Political Studies	3	
GOVT 2310 Comparative Politics	3	
ENGL 2310 World Literature Studies	3	
Modern Language I	3	
Natural Science and Lab Core	4	
Total hours	16	

Junior Year: Fall		Hrs.
Comparative GOVT Elective	3	
International Relations Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Minor	3	
Minor or Elective	3	
(**Students who did not take MATH 2303 should take SOCI 3381)		
Total hours	15	

Senior Year: Fall		Hrs.
Comparative GOVT Elective (upper division)	3	
International Relations Elect.(upper division)	3	
Minor or Elective (upper division)	3	
Minor (upper division)	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	

Freshman Year: Spring		Hrs.
GOVT 1316 State and Local Politics	3	
ENGL 1312 Composition II	3	
MATH 2303	3	
RELS 1305, 1315, 1325, 1335 or 1327H	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	

Sophomore Year: Spring		Hrs.
GOVT 2325 Social Science Research Methods	3	
GOVT 2320 International Relations	3	
DWHP 1200 or DWHP 3200 and 1 hr lifelong phys activity course	3	
Modern Language II	3	
PHIL 1381 Introduction to Philosophy	3	
Total hours	15	

Junior Year: Spring		Hrs.
Comparative GOVT Elective (upper division)	3	
International Relations Elective (upper division)	3	
Elective (upper division)	3	
Minor	3	
Minor or Elective (upper division)	3	
Total hours	15	

Senior Year: Spring		Hrs.
RELS or PHIL Core (upper division)	3	
Minor or Electives (upper division)	9	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	

Core Curriculum - Total Hours 40
Major - Total Hours 81
Minor – Total Hours
Electives as needed
Degree - Total Hours 121